

crime prevention and criminal justice into their activities in the field of social development and strengthening their co-operation with United Nations regional institutes and other bodies that conduct regionally oriented activities in this field;

13. *Invites* Member States to contribute to the United Nations Trust Fund for Social Defence in order to facilitate appropriate technical co-operation and exchange of information and experience in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1988 on the implementation of the present resolution and to provide information on crime prevention and criminal justice activities throughout the United Nations system, including activities at the regional level and those supported by extrabudgetary resources.

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1987/54. Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Economic and Social Council.

Recalling its resolutions 1983/7 of 26 May 1983, 1985/9 of 28 May 1985 and 1986/66 of 23 July 1986,

Noting the ever-increasing volume of dangerous goods in world-wide commerce and the rapid expansion of technology and innovation,

Bearing in mind the constant need to meet the growing concern for the protection of life and property through the safe transport of dangerous goods, while at the same time facilitating trade,

Aware that in order to achieve internationally harmonized laws, complete reliance is placed on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by the specialized agencies and other international organizations and by interested Member States that are committed to taking the recommendations of the Committee as a basis for the formulation of their requirements and regulations,

Reaffirming the desirability of widening the decision-making base of the Committee by encouraging the participation of developing countries and other non-member countries in its future work.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in the biennium 1985-1986⁷⁵ and of the new and amended recommendations approved by the Committee for inclusion in its existing recommendations, especially with regard to the transport of environmentally hazardous substances;⁷⁶

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To incorporate in the existing recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods all of the new and amended recommendations approved by the Committee at its fourteenth session;

(b) To publish the new and amended recommendations in all the official languages of the United Nations, in the most cost-effective manner, not later than the end of 1987;

(c) To circulate the new and amended recommendations immediately after their publication to the Govern-

ments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned;

3. *Invites* all Governments, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the Secretary-General their views of the Committee's work, together with any comments they may wish to make on the amended recommendations;

4. *Invites* all interested Governments and the international organizations concerned, when developing appropriate codes and regulations, to take full account of the recommendations of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

5. *Notes* that the requests in Council resolutions 1983/7, 1985/9 and 1986/66 have not yet been implemented, and reiterates the request to the Secretary-General to make available, within existing resources, the funding and staff necessary for the adequate servicing of the Committee of Experts;

6. *Recommends* that consideration be given to the provision of funding to support the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution for submission to the Council not later than at its second regular session of 1988

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1987/55. Public administration and finance for development

The Economic and Social Council.

Reiterating the importance of flexible, effective and responsive public administration systems for economic and social development and of improving the productivity and effectiveness of development administration structures,

Welcoming the Action Programme in Public Administration for Sub-Saharan Africa,⁷⁷

Noting with appreciation the establishment of the trust fund of the United Nations Development Programme to enhance public administration, planning and management in Africa,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Eighth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance,⁷⁸ held in New York from 11 to 20 March 1987, and the report of the Secretary-General thereon;⁷⁹

2. *Emphasizes* the catalytic role of the United Nations programme in public administration and finance in the improvement of systems of public administration and finance for development, in particular of developing countries;

3. *Invites* all organizations of the United Nations system and the international community to follow up the diagnoses made within the Action Programme in Public Administration for Sub-Saharan Africa by intensifying and implementing programmes and projects to help solve the problems identified;

4. *Invites* also the United Nations Development Programme and donor countries to provide adequate funds

⁷⁵ E/1987/37.

⁷⁶ ST/SG/AC.10/13 and Add.1-4

⁷⁷ E/1985/39/Add.1, sect. II.

⁷⁸ E/1987/38/Add.1.

⁷⁹ E/1987/38.

to implement the Action Programme in Public Administration for Sub-Saharan Africa, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council in 1988 on developments in this regard and on activities undertaken to improve public administration and finance systems in Africa;

5. *Decides* to consider the question of public administration and finance further at its second regular session of 1987.

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1987/56. Activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, in particular resolution 1981/86 of 2 November 1981, in which it requested the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the organization of public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia,

Noting with grave concern the continued deterioration of the situation in South Africa as evidenced by the escalating brutality, indiscriminate killings and mass arrests of innocent persons, including women and children, by the authorities of the racist minority régime,

1. *Reiterates* its condemnation of the racist minority régime in South Africa for the brutal perpetuation of the inhuman system of *apartheid* and the illegal occupation of Namibia;

2. *Condemns* those transnational corporations that, through their covert and overt activities in South Africa and Namibia, continue their systematic and clandestine circumventing of laws and measures imposed by the Governments of home countries of transnational corporations, as well as the programmes of disinvestment of some transnational corporations, which are aimed at retaining their profitable economic links with South Africa;

3. *Welcomes* as an initial positive step the measures taken by the Governments of home countries of transnational corporations to impose restrictions on further investments in South Africa and on bank loans to the racist minority régime;

4. *Reiterates* that the continued activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia and their collaboration with the racist régime of Pretoria perpetuates the system of *apartheid* and the illegal occupation of Namibia;

5. *Urges* the Governments of home countries of transnational corporations that have not yet done so to adopt measures aimed at ensuring that transnational corporations do not contribute to perpetuating the policies of *apartheid* and the illegal occupation of Namibia of South Africa;

6. *Notes* that the Panel of Eminent Persons established to conduct the public hearings on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia proposed a deadline of 1 January 1987⁸⁰ by which significant changes in the operations of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia should be effected;

7. *Notes also* that that deadline has not been met and urges the Governments of home countries of transna-

tional corporations and other bodies concerned to take appropriate measures to implement the recommendations made by the Panel of Eminent Persons;⁸¹

8. *Reaffirms* that to eliminate apartheid and to terminate the illegal occupation of Namibia by the racist régime will require an effective, concerted programme of international action, endorsed by the entire international community, supervised in a systematic manner by Governments and other bodies concerned, and supported by monitoring and follow-up activities;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue the useful work carried out by the Secretariat on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia through the collection and dissemination of information;

(b) To report on an annual basis to the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly and the Security Council on the implementation of the present resolution, until the abolition of *apartheid* and the termination of South Africa's occupation of Namibia have been achieved;

(c) To prepare a more detailed and consolidated study on the activities of transnational corporations in South Africa and Namibia, in particular on the impact of their disinvestment programmes and the replacement of investment by non-equity links and on the responsibilities of home countries with respect to the transnational corporations operating in South Africa and Namibia in violation of the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, bearing in mind the recommendations made by the Panel of Eminent Persons;

(d) To take all necessary steps to ensure the immediate implementation of the recommendations of the Panel.

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1987/57. Code of conduct on transnational corporations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decision 1987/106 of 6 February 1987,

Reiterating the importance of an expeditious finalization of the code of conduct on transnational corporations,

Reiterating also that the special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations is the proper forum for the negotiations on the code of conduct,

1. *Decides* that the special session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations should be reconvened at the earliest possible time and that a decision regarding its date should be taken not later than the organizational session for 1988 of the Economic and Social Council on the basis of the results of the consultations to be held for the preparation of the reconvened special session;

2. *Requests* the Chairman presiding at the special session, together with the Bureau of the special session and the Secretary-General, to hold intensive consultations with the aim of preparing a draft code of conduct on transnational corporations for the reconvened special session of the Commission, taking into account the existing drafts;

3. *Requests* member States to put forward, if appropriate, in the course of the consultations, concrete formulations aimed at resolving the outstanding issues in the code of conduct

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⁸⁰ E/C.10/1986/9, annex, para. 51

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, annex, para. 11